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DEPUTY NEGOTIATORS TO THE CANAL ZONE

FOR AMBASSADOR JORDEN AND GOVERNOR PARKER FROM BUNKER

1. I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCURRENCE IN AND ASSISTANCE WITH AN IMPORTANT ACTIVITY IN THE TREATY NEGOTIATION PROCESS ON WHICH THE FOREIGN MINISTER AND I HAD AGREED -- THAT THE DEPUTY PANAMANIAN AND UNITED STATES NEGOTIATORS SPEND SEVERAL DAYS IN THE CANAL ZONE TO ORIENT THEMSELVES PERSONALLY IN HOW THE ZONE IS ADMINISTERED AND THE WATERWAY OPERATED. THEY ARE TO DERIVE INSIGHTS ON HOW PANAMA MIGHT AS A PRACTICAL MATTER PARTICIPATE IN THOSE FUNCTIONS, IN FULFILLMENT OF THE "JOINT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES."

2. I SHALL ALSO BE GRATEFUL FOR THE ASSISTANCE OF THE SOUTHERN COMMAND WITH SOME OF THE LOGISTICS FOR THIS ACTIVITY, WHICH IS NOW TO OCCUR JUNE 17-19.

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3. I ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO THIS VISIT, IN THAT IT IS AN

ESSENTIAL PRELUDE TO SUBSTANTIVE NEGOTIATION ON THE MAJOR
ISSUE OF PANAMA'S PARTICIPATION IN THE CANAL ADMINISTRA-
TION, WHICH IT IS PROBABLE WE SHALL TAKE UP DURING MY
NEXT VISIT TO PANAMA SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 26-29. BROWN

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